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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 - 15 and add new Claims 16 - 32 as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1 - 15 (Canceled)

16. (New) A refrigerating appliance, such as a refrigerator or freezer, comprising:
an interior space;
an internal lighting system located in said interior space; and
said internal lighting system including at least one organic light-emitting diode (OLED) for illuminating said interior space.
17. (New) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 16, including said OLED mounted on at least one of an inner wall of said interior space or on a built-in component located in said interior space, said component including at least one of a base plate, a shell or a door compartment.
18. (New) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 17, including said built-in component of the appliance comprises opposite surfaces, in the case of the base plate an underside and an upper side, wherein respectively one organic light-emitting diode is applied to the opposite surfaces.
19. (New) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 16, including a housing surrounding said interior space, said housing including a cavity filled with an insulating material, said OLED forms at least a portion of a wall of said cavity facing said interior space.
20. (New) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 16, said OLED integrated in a wall of a built-in component located in said interior space, said component including at least one of a base plate, a shell or a door compartment.
21. (New) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 16, said OLED including a luminous area filling between 20% and 50% of an inner wall of at least one of

said interior space, the underside or the upper side of a base plate located in said interior space.

22. (New) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 20, including the luminous area of said OLED substantially completely fills at least one inner wall of said interior space, the underside or the upper side of a base plate located in said interior space.
23. (New) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 22, including said luminous area is located on at least one of the following inner walls of said interior space, a rear wall, one of the side walls, a base area, a ceiling area or a door inner wall.
24. (New) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 16, including a housing joined together from a plurality of housing panels forming inner walls of said interior space.
25. (New) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 24, including at least one OLED applied to at least one of said housing panels or integrated therein.
26. (New) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 16, including said OLED includes a substrate having applied thereto an electrode, at least one layer of organic material and a counter-electrode, said substrate formed as a transparent plate, especially a glass plate.
27. (New) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 26, including said transparent plate formed from a glass plate.
28. (New) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 25, wherein said interior space includes a built-in component with opposed surfaces, said opposed surfaces are each formed from transparent plates, forming substrates for OLEDs disposed between said transparent plates.

29. (New) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 28, including said built-in component with opposed surfaces is a base plate having an underside surface and an upper side opposed surface.
30. (New) The refrigerating appliance according claim 16, including said interior lighting having a plurality of OLEDs, each with light-emitting layers, at least some of said OLEDs emit light having different color spectra from one another.
31. (New) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 16, including the appliance having at least one of a display panel and a control panel, said panel backlit using at least one organic light-emitting diode.
32. (New) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 16, including the appliance having a display panel for displaying symbols, said symbols formed by organic light-emitting diodes.